

**GENERAL LAWS AND ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE**  
**ADOPTED BY THE TOWN**

Revised Laws, Chapter 11, Section 364 Official Ballots	May 9, 1906
Revised Laws, Chapter 32, Section 38 Organization of Fire Department	March 2, 1908
Chapter 807, Acts of 1913 Workingman's Compensation	March 1, 1915
Chapter 320, Special Laws of 1916 Town Water Supply	June 5, 1916
Chapter 293, General Acts of 1916 License for Hackney Drivers	December 9, 1918
Chapter 41, Section 97 Police Department	March 6, 1922
Chapter 111, Section 74, General Laws Free Bed in Hospitals	March 3, 1924
Chapter 292, Acts of 1920 Memorial Field	March 2, 1925
Chapter 39, Section 23, General laws Time of Election of Town Officers	March 2, 1925
Chapter 40, Section 32, General Laws Approval of By-Laws	March 2, 1925
Chapter 48, Section 42-43 Fire Department; Chief of Fire Department Forest Warden	March 1, 1926
Chapter 48, Section 42, 43, 44 Chief of Fire Departments	March 21, 1927

Chapter 250, Acts of 1925 Out of Town Work of Fire Chief	March 21, 1927
Chapter 111, Section 50 Dental Clinic	March 5, 1928
Chapter 148, Section 6 Investigation of Fire Hazards	March 4, 1929
Chapter 391, Acts of 1923 Water Liens	March 3, 1930
Chapter 402, Acts of 1930 Old Age Relief	March 2, 1931
Sunday Sports Law of 1928	March 4, 1929
Chapter 152, Sections 69-75 Inclusive Terms Laborer, Workman and Mechanic Include all employees employed under contracts with the Commonwealth	June 30, 1939
Chapter 41 as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936, Section 81 A Planning Board Establishment	March 1, 1943
Chapter 152, Acts of 1939 Absentee Ballots at Town Election	March 6, 1944
Chapter 94, Section 120 (as amended by Section 3, Chapter 322, Acts of 1943). Section 120A (as added by Chapter 496, Acts of 1942 and amended by Section 4) Chapter 332, Acts of 1943 Slaughtering of Animals	March 5, 1945
Chapter 723, Acts of 1945 Separate Department of Veterans Service	December 11, 1945

Chapter 74, Acts of 1946, Amendatory Thereto State Aided Vocational Education	March 4, 1946
Chapter 7, Acts of 1949 Civil Service for Police Department	March 12, 1949
Chapter 820, Acts of 1950 Increase in Pension Payments	March 5, 1951
Chapter 114, Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 Cemetery Commissioners	March 1, 1954
Chapter 32, Sections 95, 96, 97 as added to Chapter 32 by Chapter 387, Acts of 1953 Increase in Pensions	March 5, 1956
Chapter 40, Section 8A as added by Chapter 397 Acts of 1954 and amended by Chapter 102, Acts of 1955 Establishment of Development and Industrial Commission	March 5, 1956
Chapter 71, Sections 16 -161 Inclusive Regional School Authority	October 22, 1956
Chapter 401, Acts of 1956 Indemnity of Civilian Defense Personnel	March 4, 1957
Chapter 139, Sections 1-2-3 Disposal of Burned, Dilapidated or Dangerous Buildings	March 2, 1959
Chapter 1 36, Section 4B Bowling on the Lord's Day	November 9, 1959
Chapter 44, Section 65 Town Employees Vacation Pay	March 7, 1960
Chapter 40, Section 8C as added by Chapter 223, Acts of 1957 Conservation Commission	March 6, 1961

Chapter 32B Section providing for Group Life, Medical, Hospitalization, etc. for Town Employees	September 12, 1964
Chapter 40, Section 8B Council for the Aging <i>See Article 2 - 14 - General By-Laws</i>	September 12, 1964
Chapter 143, Section 3 Building Code Regulations	March 1, 1965
Chapter 147, Section 17B Police 40 Hour Week	March 4, 1968
Chapter 149, Section 178I as amended by Chapter 633, Acts of 1968 School Attorney	November 13, 1968
Chapter 262, Section 53, G.L. as amended by Chapter 223, Acts of 1955 and Chapter 286, Acts of 1967 Police Officers as Witnesses	March 19, 1969
Chapter 41, Section 108L Police Education Education Bill	March 8, 1971 <b>(rescinded by legislation according to Article 20 of May 18, 1987 Special Town Meeting)</b>
Chapter 121B, Section 3 Housing Authority	April 6, 1972
Chapter 45, Section 14 Recreation Commission Created	April 13, 1972
Chapter 85, Section 11A Bicycles - Operation and Registration Traffic Rules and Regulations	April 13, 1972
Chapter 44, Section 53C Payment for Special Police Details Directly to the Town	April 11, 1973

Chapter 40, Section 6-H Repairs to Certain Private Ways	April 4, 1974
Chapter 152, Section 69 Workman's Compensation Coverage Extended to Certain Elected Officials	April 4, 1974
Chapter 40, Section 8 (D) Establishment of Historical Commission	April 4, 1974
Chapter 71, Section 71E Revolving Accounts – Schools	April 6, 1980
Chapter 258, Section 13 Indemnifying municipal officers	April 11, 1981 (Town Election)
Chapter 40, Section 4G State Bidding Procedure	October 29, 1985
Chapter 148, Section 26G Automatic Sprinklers in non-residential buildings or additions	October 29, 1985
Chapter 40, Section 57 Renewing of Certain Licenses and Permits	May 22, 1986
Chapter 53, Section 9A Nomination Papers	May 22, 1986
Chapter 71, Section 71F Tuition Receipts for Non-resident and Foster Care Students	October 27, 1986
Chapter 71, Section 71E Amendment of the 4/6/80 acceptance of this statute expanding the allowed use of funds.	October 27, 1986
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C Increasing Income Tax Exemption from Property Taxation for the Elderly	May 18, 1987

Chapter 402, Acts of 1987 Collection of Real Estate or Personal Property Taxes under \$50.	February 13, 1988
Chapter 306, Acts of 1987 Fee Schedules on Municipal Liens	February 13, 1 988
Chapter 236, Acts of 1987 Expenditure of Subdivision Bonds Deposits without further appropriation of the Town.	May 16, 1988
Chapter 90, Section 20A Parking Ticket Program	October 24, 1988
Chapter 550, Acts of 1987 Enabling the Treasurer to return unclaimed checks to Town's E & D Account.	October 24, 1988
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D Exclusion of Property from Applicants Gross Estate	October 24, 1988
Chapter 40, Section 21 (paragraph 16) Authorizes Highway Surveyor to remove vehicles interfering with snow plowing and ice removal.	October 23, 1989
Chapter 42, Acts of 1988 Allows By-Laws to establish due dates for payments of municipal charges and bills and may fix interest charges. Allows deferral of water charges.	February 5, 1990
Chapter 291, Acts of 1990 Enhanced 911 Service	March 6, 1991
Chapter 41, Section 19J May compensate a Town Clerk who also serves as a member of its Board of Registrars of Voters not less than \$50, nor more than \$100 per 1,000 Registered Voters or major fraction thereof.	October 29, 1991

Chapter 44, Section 53G Authorizes the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Board of Health to establish an escrow account for the purpose of hiring outside consultants to aid the Board in reviewing applications for permits.	October 29, 1991
Chapter 275, Acts of 1990 Revolving Fund – Trustees of the Memorial Field	May 20, 1992
Chapter 40, Section 21 D Allows the non-criminal procedure for disposition of ordinance, By-Law or municipal rule and regulation violations.	May 18, 1992
Chapter 221, Acts of 1992 Town Water Supply	November 3, 1992 (signed by Governor)
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Board of Assessors	May 3, 1993
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for Police Department	May 3, 1993
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Hanson Senior Center/Library	May 3, 1993
Chapter 40, Section 8G Allows municipalities to enter into police mutual aid agreements with other Towns.	October 25, 1993
Chapter 60, Section 3C Allows Towns to establish a local education fund.	October 25, 1993
Chapter 138, Section 33b Allows restaurants to serve alcohol at 11:00 A.M. on Sundays (brunch) with the permission of the Board of Selectmen.	May 6, 1996

Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Hanson Public Library	May 5, 1997
Chapter 60, Section 3D Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund	May 3, 1999
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Parks and Fields Commission	October 4, 1999
Chapter 41, Section 19K Chapter 41, Section 108P Provide for additional compensation of a Town Clerk or Municipal Collector or Treasurer upon certification.	May 1, 2000
Chapter 41, Section 108L Police officers will be eligible for a "Career Incentive Pay Program", more commonly known as the "Quinn Bill".	May 8, 2001
Chapter 41, Section 97A There shall be a police department established by the selectmen under the supervision of a Chief of Police. Also known as "strong chief's law"	May 9, 2001
Chapter 181, Section 1 of the Acts of 1995 Will allow a cost of living adjustment to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under MGL Ch 59, section 5, clause 17D	May 9, 2001
Chapter 148, Section 26H Requires all lodging and boarding houses to be equipped with a complete system of automatic sprinklers within 5 years of the date of acceptance of the statute	October 1, 2001
Chapter 148, Section 26I Requires all new or substantially altered residential buildings containing 4 or more dwelling units be equipped with a complete system of automatic sprinklers	October 1, 2001



Chapter 40, Section 22F Allows municipal boards or officers to Fix reasonable fees	October 1, 2001
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D Allows certain senior citizens an Income and assets exemption on Real estate taxes	May 6, 2002
Chapter 111, Section 127B ½ Allow citizens to petition for agreement To remove underground fuel storage tank Or lead paint or to provide proper service By a septic system; costs; authority to evict.	October 7, 2002
Chapter 127, Section 59 of the Acts of 1999 Adding MGL Chapter 59, Section 5K Allows senior citizens taxpayers, over 60, to volunteer their services to the municipality in exchange for a reduction of their tax bills. May earn a maximum reduction of \$750 a year.	May 5, 2003
Chapter 33, Section 59 Increases military leave from 2 weeks to 34 days for annual training for reservists.	May 3, 2004
Chapter 137, Section 1 of the Acts of 2003 Provides compensation and benefits to Employees of municipalities who have been Called into active military service after September 1, 2001	May 3, 2004
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Treasurer/Collector	May 3, 2004
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Paragraph 5 Will reduce the residency requirement for Disabled veterans under Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D and 22E from 5 years to 1 year prior to filing for an exemption	May 4, 2004

Chapter 32, Section 89B Provides for dependants of Police Officer Firefighter, Call firefighter or intermittent Police Officer killed in the performance of Their duty.	May 2, 2005
An Act Establishing a Town Administrator in the Town of Hanson	March 15, 2006
Chapter 39, Section 23D Allows members of all town boards that conduct adjudicatory hearings who have missed A hearing to certify in writing that they Have viewed the hearing prior to voting on The matter	October 2, 2006
Chapter 40, Section 42J Allows deferral of water charges to qualified senior citizens who receive a tax deferral.	May 7, 2007
Chapter 80, Section 13B Allows qualified low-income senior citizens to defer payment of betterments and other special assessments.	May 7, 2007
Chapter 59, Section 5L Allows Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists deployed outside the state to defer paying their taxes without interest or penalties until 180 days after that service.	May 7, 2007
Chapter 44, Section 53D Allows the Town to establish a revolving fund for Recreation.	May 7, 2007

Chapter 77, Section 2 of the Acts of 2005 Extends the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 (accepted May 3, 2004) providing public employees regular base pay while on military leave of absences, reduced by amount received from the United States for military pay.	May 7, 2007
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Hanson Council on Aging Supportive Care Program	May 5, 2008
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 Establishes a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation.	May 4, 2009
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ Allows the Town to establish a revolving Fund for the Hanson Senior Center operations	June 7, 2010
Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, appendix 120A,A of the State Building Code (7 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	October 4, 2010
Chapter 59, Section 57C Authorizes the town to implement a quarterly tax payment system	May 2, 2011
Chapter 40, Section 42G Levy Special Assessments (Betterments) for the cost of laying pipes in public & private ways for the distribution of water to inhabitants	October 3, 2011
Chapter 40, Section 42H Base the individual Betterment Assessment according to the frontage in which a water pipe is laid	October 3, 2011
Chapter 40, Section 42I Allows the Water Comm. To record a lien on the effected properties covered by Betterment Assessment	October 3, 2011

Chapter 59, Section 2A	October 3, 2011
Allows the Town to value and assess new growth Occurring from Jan. 1 through June 30 for the Fiscal year beginning July 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A	October 3, 2011
Increase the annual exemption amount for a Legally blind taxpayer from \$437.50 to \$500.	
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½	May 7, 2012
Allows the Town to establish a revolving fund for the Conservation Commission	
Chapter 40, Section 42J & 42 K	May 7, 2012
Allows the Water Comm. to defer charges and Assess betterments equally	
An Act Relative to the Position of Appointed Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson	January 2, 2013
Chapter 44, Section 53F ½	May 6, 2013
Allow the Town to establish an Enterprise Fund For the Recreation Programs	
Chapter 44, Section 53E ½	October 7, 2013
Allows the Town to establish a revolving fund for Nathaniel Thomas Mill	
Chapter 59, Section 21 A ½	May 5, 2014
Provides for additional compensation of an Assessor or Assistant Assessor upon certification.	
Chapter 44, Section 53 F ½	May 5, 2014
Allow the Town to establish an Enterprise Fund For the Hanson Transfer Station effective fiscal year 2015	
Chapter 71, Section 16 G1/2	May 5, 2014
Approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund for the South Shore Regional School District.	

- Chapter 59, Section 5N May 5, 2014  
Allows Veterans who qualify to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligation of that Veteran on the Veteran's tax bills, , not to exceed \$1,000.00 and not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour.
- Chapter 41, Section 81U May 5, 2014  
Allows the use of security funds to complete improvements shown on an approved subdivision plan.
- Chapter 41, Section 110A Oct 6, 2014  
Allows the Town Clerk's office to remain closed on Saturdays and to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday.
- Chapter 389, Section 1 of the Acts of 2012 Apr 28, 2016  
The Board of Selectmen may enter into an employment contract with the highway surveyor, the term of which shall not exceed 3 years.
- Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22 through 22F May 2, 2016  
Allows miscellaneous exemptions for disabled veterans on property taxes.
- Chapter 60A, Section 1 Oct 3, 2016  
Governs Motor Vehicle Tax and exemptions.
- Chapter 40, Section 8J Oct 3, 2016  
Establishes a Commission on Disabilities to address federal and state disability laws.
- Chapter 40, Section 22G Oct 3, 2016  
Authorizing the funds received from fines for Handicap parking violation to be allocated to the Commission on disabilities.
- Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F Oct 2, 2017  
Adds a local acceptance option to make spouse of Disabled veteran eligible for veteran exemptions

Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G	Oct 2, 2017
Adds a local acceptance option to make spouse of a veteran eligible for veteran exemptions	
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D	Oct 2, 2017
Amount of the gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal shall increase annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index	
Chapter 59, Section 5K	Oct 2, 2017
Increase the max abatement for senior work off to \$1,500	
Chapter 32B, Section 20	Oct 2, 2017
Creation of a trust fund to reserve money for retiree Health insurance and other postemployment benefits	
Chapter 64N, Section 3	May 7, 2018
To impose 3% local sales tax on marijuana	
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54	May 6, 2019
To adopt a minimum value of \$3,000 for the issuance of Property tax bills.	
Chapter 59, Section 5K and Section 5N	May 6, 2019
To increase the amount of funding for STAP and the Veteran's Work off Program by \$10,000	
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22H	May 6, 2019
Provides tax relief to parents/guardians of military service Members who have died or are missing in action.	
Chapter 44, Section 53F $\frac{3}{4}$	May 6, 2019
Establishes a special revenue Fund known as the PEG Access and Cable related Fund	
An Act Further Regulating Recall Elections in the Town of Hanson	October 25, 2019

Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G

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BRAVE Act provides property tax exemption for veterans

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